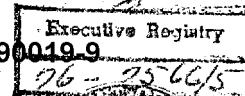


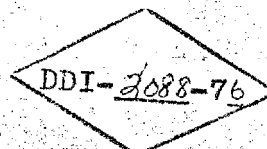
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Dear Mr. Bush

Many thanks for the 25 March TASS Report on how the Soviets are exploiting the unfortunate publicity of the last year regarding our intelligence operations.

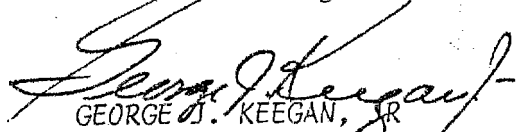
While we will no doubt recover our composure - if nothing else - the Soviets have gained a powerful tool for motivating their own peoples. I doubt very much that we are likely to overcome the long-term consequences of that one.

Despite the above, I am encouraged by recent trends in the broadened perspectives of the threat which now seem to be evolving. The long-overdue exposure by members of the Congress to "hard data" regarding the threat has already had a profound impact on that body. If we can continue the process of education - with prudent attention to the legitimate security needs of the process - we should be able to undo many of the more adverse effects of the past year or two.

As more of our leaders and opinion-makers come to appreciate that our security interests around the world are in fact sorely threatened - we will likely see a return to sanity and normalcy as concerns the legitimate operations of our foreign intelligence.

Many thanks for the TASS Report.

With warmest regards


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